

HOUSE BILL NO. 146.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, April 4, 1903.

To the Secretary of State:

I herewith transmit House bill No. 146, styled "An Act to fix and limit the fees of the justices of the peace of the State of Texas in civil and misdemeanor cases."

I disapprove this bill for the following reasons:

By a manifest inadvertence in enrolling the bill, an amendment which was adopted and intended to be inserted in the proper place, was so copied that the effect of it, if the bill should become a law, would be to deprive the justices of the peace of all fees in cases where the plea of guilty might be entered. Whatever the record may disclose, I can only look to the bill as authoritatively presented to me and signed by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives. Accordingly, I must veto this bill, or otherwise the officers whose fees were intended to be provided for would be deprived of what they are by existing law entitled to receive.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.